

## **BAY CITY AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY (BCATS)**

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### **Call To Order:**

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m.

### **Those present were:**

Dave Engelhardt, BCATS staff; Dirk Westbury, BCATS staff; John Gaydos, City of Bay City; Jim Lillo, Bay County Road Commission; Terry Moulthane, Bay City, and; Dale Majerczyk, City of Essexville and Dave Geiger, MDOT-Saginaw.

### **Minutes from March 26, 2008 Tech meeting:**

It was moved by Majerczyk, seconded by Gaydos, to approve the minutes from the March 26, 2008 meeting. Motion Passed.

### **BCATS Long Range Plan & TIP Amendments Approved:**

Engelhardt provided members with a handout of all the projects listed in the TIP, including all amended projects from the April Policy Meeting as the BCATS TIP amendments were approved by FHWA.

### **Bay/Arenac Road National Function Classification Revision:**

Lillo discussed the reclassification request of Bay Arenac Drive to a Urban Collector road. Lillo would like a letter of support from the BCATS Policy Committee. The Bay Arenac Drive is less than one mile and no other roads will have to be reclassified to add Bay Arenac Dr to the Federal Aid Eligible network.

A motion was made by Majerczyk, seconded by Gaydos, to favorably recommend to the BCATS Policy Committee that a letter of support be given for the Bay Arenac Drive National Function Classification Revision. Motion Passed.

### **Harrison Street Project:**

The City of Bay City and BCATS have approved the funding for this project through the use of over allocated funds from the Henry Street Project. However, once money is delegated to a project, it is specified for that specific project. Therefore, there must be a release of funds through MDOT in order to fund this project and allow the use of the Henry Street Project over allocated monies. Gaydos would like to let this project in the fall of '08 so that work can be underway by spring '09. Engelhardt would like the BCATS blessing to pursue having the Henry Street over allocated money released for the Harrison Street Project. A TIP amendment will need to be made before the end of the fiscal year. Engelhardt would like to have the Harrison Street Project TIP Amendment placed on the August BCATS Policy Committee meeting agenda. The BCATS Tech Committee agreed to not only support Engelhardt in his pursuit of the release of funds for the Harrison Street Project, they also agreed that they would be available should a July meeting be required to move this project forward.

### **BCATS FY-2009 Unified Work Program:**

There are no major changes to the BCATS FY-2009 Unified Work Program. Members were provided with a copy of the UWP for their review. Engelhardt discussed the importance of accounting for all time spent both in areas of "flexible match" but also in asset management (wages/fringe/total hours). In the past BCATS had only billed for training time and time spent on Asset Management.

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### **Self-Certification:**

Engelhardt discussed the process of self-certification and explained that according to Rick Fowler, MDOT it only has to be done in the year a new TIP is developed, not every year.

### **Transportation Funding Task Force Meeting Schedule:**

Engelhardt provided members with a handout with all the Transportation Funding Task Force Meeting dates.

### **Bay County Recreation Plan:**

Engelhardt discussed the Bay County Recreation Plan and explained that it should be done soon. The City of Essexville had their 5-year Recreation Plan approved in February, 2007. The City of Essexville may blend their plan into the Bay County Recreation Plan.

### **Non-Motorized Efforts Update:**

Engelhardt provided an update on the current non-motorized efforts taking place in Bay County: The Bay, Saginaw and Midland counties Trail Project is close to moving into Phase II of the trail planning; The University Center Trail effort to join SVSU with Delta College, and; The Bay/Zilwaukee Trail.

### **Asset Management Update:**

Engelhardt provided members with an informational handout which summarized the Asset Management Program.

### **Michigan DEQ Ozone Update:**

Engelhardt provided members with an informational handout of the changing Michigan DEQ Ozone values.

### **Bay County Road Commission Category F Application Letter of Support:**

The Bay County Road Commission requested a letter of support from BCATS for the Wilder Road Improvement Project. The letter of support was sent out June 6, 2008. Members received a copy of the letter. The project would be from Euclid to Truman Parkway.

### **University Trail Letter of Support**

As an informational item, Engelhardt discussed the University Trail Project and indicated that a request for a letter of support for this project would be forthcoming.

### **Hampton Township Trail Dedication:**

The Nature Trails Dedication at the Hampton Township Park will take place on Friday, June 20, 2008 from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the Finn Road Campground and Boat Launch in Hampton Township, Michigan.

### **Project Updates:**

The **Seven Mile Road Project** was awarded to Shaw Contracting. The **Pine Street Project** will be completed August 1, 2008. The **North Henry Street Project** water main replacement work underway and is still scheduled to be complete Nov. 15<sup>th</sup>. There is no news about the **Marquette "S" Curve Safety Grant Project**. The **Woodside Avenue Project** is complete but may need to be milled and resurfaced due to defects for overlay

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process. The City of Bay City is in the process of getting the matter corrected with the contractor. The **Harrison Street Project** application has been sent to MDOT. The **Truman Parkway Project** for joint repair plans have been submitted and work should begin in late August, 2008. The **Bay City Bridges** will be painted over the winter of 2008. The **I-75 Project** is underway and everything is on track.

### **Other/New Business:**

#### ***Kurt Codutie Letter:***

Kurt Codutie, Manager of Bay City Transportation Service Center - Open House Friday June 27, 2008 hosted by MDOT at the TSC located at 2590 East Wilder Rd, Bay City, Michigan.

#### ***Independence Bridge Repair:***

More repair work was needed on the Independence Bridge. Originally it was believed that there was only one bad joint. However, once the crew cleaned out the bad concrete it was discovered that there were 2 ½ joints that needed to be repaired. This additional repair has added to the cost of this project.

#### ***City of Bay City Letter Kildee:***

John Gaydos of the City of Bay City sent a letter to U.S. Representative Dale Kildee requesting additional federal funding for projects on Johnson Street, Lincoln St, and the Trumbull St. Gaydos will get a copy of the letter to Engelhardt.

#### ***Pere Marquette Depot Ribbon Cutting:***

The Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for the Pere Marquette Depot located at 919 Boutell Pl., Bay City, MI is scheduled to take place on Monday, June 16, 2008 at 3:00 p.m.

#### ***Jake Break Ordinance:***

Bay County's Corporation Counsel is currently looking into a Jake Break Ordinance.

#### ***NSPD:***

Gaydos received an email regarding the railroads taking back of the rail lines that are currently used as Rail Trails. With the price of gas on the climb, it would appear that there are rumors that trains will be making a come back.

#### ***Mock Emergency Disaster Exercise:***

There will be a mock disaster taking place in September by Cass Avenue. The mock disaster will be a train derailment with hazardous chemical release.

As there was no other business, the June 10, 2008 meeting was adjourned at 11:25 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

David Engelhardt  
BCATS Director

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